

House Resolution 1304

By: Representatives Jacobs of the 80th, Geisinger of the 48th, Lindsey of the 54th, Willard of the 49th, Martin of the 47th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Grady Health System to adopt changes to its employee health benefits plan to
2 require or encourage its employees to utilize the Grady Health System for primary health
3 care; urging Fulton County and DeKalb County to consider changes to their employee health
4 benefits plans to encourage their employees to utilize the Grady Health System for primary
5 health care; urging the Grady Health System to end its closed staff model and open
6 credentialing to community doctors to encourage other insured patients to utilize the services
7 of the Grady Health System for primary health care; and for other purposes.

8 WHEREAS, the Fulton-DeKalb Hospital Authority operates Grady Memorial Hospital and
9 several affiliated clinics which are known together as the Grady Health System; and

10 WHEREAS, the Grady Health System is suffering substantial financial losses; and

11 WHEREAS, the financial losses experienced by the Grady Health System are in part
12 attributable to a patient mix that is largely devoid of insured or paying patients; and

13 WHEREAS, the Grady Health System pays approximately \$18 million annually in health
14 insurance premiums to provide health care benefits for its over 5,000 employees; and

15 WHEREAS, many employees of the Grady Health System rely on physicians not affiliated
16 with the Grady Health System for primary health care; and

17 WHEREAS, other large hospitals structure their employee health benefits programs to
18 require or encourage their employees to utilize the services of the hospital and its physicians
19 for primary health care.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
21 the members of this body urge the Grady Health System to adopt changes to its employee
22 health benefits plan to require or encourage its employees to utilize the Grady Health System

1 for primary health care; that Fulton County and DeKalb County to consider changes to their
2 employee health benefits plans to encourage their employees to utilize the Grady Health
3 System for primary health care; and that the Grady Health System end its closed staff model
4 and open credentialing to community doctors to encourage other insured patients to utilize
5 the services of the Grady Health System for primary health care.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
7 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Fulton-DeKalb Hospital
8 Authority and the governing authorities of Fulton and DeKalb counties.